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SUBJ: MRS. GANDHI INDIRAS HERSELF TO THE LEFT-WING DUTCHMAN

1. CHALK UP ONE WESTERN ENDORSEMENT FOR PRIME MINISTER GANDHI'S EMERGENCY. FOLLOWING A VISIT TO INDIA JANUARY 2-7, DEVELOPMENT AID MINISTER PRONK MADE OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT HERE THAT LEVEL OF TOTAL DUTCH AID TO INDIA WILL BE RAISED FROM 168 MILLION GUILDERS IN 1975 TO 180 MILLION GUILDERS IN 1976 (1 DOLLAR EQUALS 2.67 HFL).

2. ANTICIPATING NEGOTIATIONS ON ALLOCATION OF BUDGETED FUNDS LATER THIS YEAR, PRONK ANNOUNCED 10 MILLION GUILDERS WORTH OF PROJECT AID FOR HIGHLY SOPHISTICATED TECHNOLOGY, AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH, AND SOCIAL WELFARE.

3. DURING MEETINGS WITH PRIME MINISTER INDIRA GANDHI AND OTHER MINISTERS, PRONK DISCUSSED SEVENTH SPECIAL UNGA, AND THE PROPOSED "NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER". INDIAN NEWS AGENCY QUOTED PRONK AS HAVING SAID THAT WESTERN CRITICS OF COUNTRY'S INTERNAL EMERGENCY DID NOT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS FACING INDIA. ACCORDING TO PRONK, INDIA WAS VICTIM OF CHANGING INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER.

4. COMMENT: PRONK IS THE CUTTING EDGE OF THE LEFT WING IN
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THE DUTCH CABINET. HIS ABILITY TO SEE CIVIL LIBERTARIAN

MOTIVES IN TOTALITARIAN LEFTIST STATES WAS EVIDENT DURING
A RECENT VISIT HE MADE TO CUBA. ON THE OTHER HAND, HE DOES
NOT ADMIT ANY EXCUSE SUCH AS CHANGING INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC
ORDER WHEN RIGHT WING REGIME LIKE CHILE IS INVOLVED. THESE
PRONK VIEWS ARE TOLERATED BUT NOT SHARED BY HIS LABOR PARTY
COLLEAGUES AT MINISTRIES OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE.
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